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Applicants : John T. Mulligan and John C. Tabone
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For : ERROR REDUCTION IN AUTOMATED GENE SYNTHESIS
Examiner : BERTAGNA, Angela Marie
Art Unit : 1637
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 18, 2006, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on November 18, 2006. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-15, for examination at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.